

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #198

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HERE AND THERE

Chess Olympiad (September 21 - October 3)

The biennial olympiad is currently taking place in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, previous home of the 2005, 2007, and 2009 chess World Cups. There are no B.C. players on the two Canadian teams but Valeria Gansvind, a resident of Sidney, Vancouver Island, is playing for the Estonian women's team. Her Ethiopian opponent in round one did not put up much resistance, but round two was a different story - Valeria was paired with Anna Zatonsikh, three-time American women's champion:

Zatonskih, Anna - Gansvind, Valeriya [E91] 39th WCO (2), 22.09.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 c6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nfd7 10.Be3 Na6 11.Qd2 Re8 12.Be2 c5 13.d5 Nc7 14.f4 a6 15.a3 Rb8 16.b4 b6 17.Rab1 Nf8 18.Rb3 e6 19.Bf2 exd5 20.exd5 Nd7 21.Bd3 Qe7 22.Re1 Qf8 23.Reb1 Bh6 24.bxc5 bxc5 25.Rb7 Rxb7 26.Rxb7 Rc8 27.Bh4 Qg7 28.Ne4 Qd4+ 29.Bf2 Qa1+ 30.Bf1 Ne5 31.Nxd6 Rd8 32.Rxc7 Rxd6 33.Rc8+ 1-0

Good luck to Valeria and to the Canadian teams in their remaining games.

Official site, including results and games: <http://www.ugra-chess.com/>

A blog by Canada's first board, Mark Bluvshstein: <http://markbluvshstein.wordpress.com/2010/09/20/>

Comments by Canadian arbiter Hal Bond:

<http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/showthread.php?t=1146>

September Active (September 12)

Another active event, and another win by Mayo Fuentebella. This time he scored 6.5/7, a point and a half ahead of Vicente Lee Jr. and Dragoljub Milicevic. Eighteen players participated.

<http://www.chessmastery.com/bcactive/>

Chess Challenge Fundraiser (September 11)

Valeria Gansvind won this fundraiser for the 2011 Chess Challenge, which will take place in Victoria next May. Jesse Johnson and Jason Cao tied for second.

Full report and crosstable: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/Results-Sept-2010-Fundraiser>

2010 B.C. Championship

The field for this year's B.C. Championship, taking place in Victoria on the Thanksgiving Day weekend, has been finalized:

Jack Yoos
Valeria Gansvind
Howard Wu
Brian McLaren
Tanraj Sohal
Roger Patterson
Gavin Steininger
Savvas Kyriakides

Further details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#bcclosed>

B.C. CHAMPIONS

So who have been the most successful B.C. champions, at least in terms of the most provincial titles won? The following lists all the players who have won the championship three or more times:

7-time winner:



John M. Ewing (1916, 1919-23, 1936)

6-time winners:



Miervaldis Jursevskis (1949, 1950, 1954-57)



Elod Macskasy (1958-62, 1967)

5-time winners:

Jack M. Taylor (1929, 1930, 1938, 1945, 1953)
Bruce Harper (1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1980)
Gordon Taylor (1977, 1979, 1981-83)
Gary Basanta (1989, 1991-93, 1998)

4-time winners:

Bertram A. Yates (1917, 1918, 1921, 1940)
Charles F. Millar (1931-33, 1937),
Leo M. Duval (1941-43, 1946)
Peter Biyiasas (1968, 1969, 1971, 1972)
Jonathan Berry (1994, 2000, 2006, 2008)
Jack Yoos (2003-2005, 2009)

3-time winners:

William J. Barker (1924, 1926, 1928)
Dragoljub Milicevic (1997, 2000, 2001)

The full list: <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/provincialchampions.html>

BENT LARSEN (4 March 1935 - 9 September 2010)

Again, a major player has passed away. Earlier this year it was Vassily Smyslov; now we are forced to say goodbye to Bent Larsen, one of the top three tournament players in the world at the end of the 1960s (the others were Bobby Fischer and Viktor Korchnoi). There has much web coverage about Larsen's career (see the links below) which we will not repeat here; the following are a few comments from a Canadian perspective.

Larsen played a number of times in Canada: he was co-winner with Klaus Darga of the 1967 centennial tournament in Winnipeg, and won the 1968 and 1970 Canadian Opens outright (Toronto and St. John's respectively). In the 1974 Canadian Open he placed third behind Ljubojevic and Suttles; he didn't fair as well in the great Montreal 1979 tournament, finishing last, but Larsen did have the satisfaction of beating the reigning world champion (Karpov) with black. His last Canadian event was the 1995 North Bay International, where he tied for first ahead of Alex Yermolinsky and two Polgars (Sofia and Susan). Internationally Larsen played Canadian representatives in interzonals, the olympiads, and other major events; he had a large plus score against nearly everyone (e.g., Yanofsky, Piasetski) with the singular exception of one player - Duncan Suttles. Of the games we have available, Duncan's score against Larsen was two wins and three draws, this at a time when Larsen was one of the best players in the world. According to Bruce Harper and Yasser Seirawan, "...Suttles was not intimidated or confused by Larsen's mildly offbeat ideas, but rather found them harmless and, at times, flawed....Suttles, in short, could not be 'freaked out' by Larsen's play the way many other players were." (*Chess on the Edge*, volume 3)

Apart from his abilities as a player Larsen was also a wonderful writer on chess, and this author continues to cherish *ZOOM 001* (on employing the Grünfeld structure with either colour), along with Larsen's book of annotations to the 1978 Karpov-Korchnoi match and his own collection of selected games. He also wrote a lively column in the Toronto-based magazine *Chess Canada* in the early part of the 1970s.

<http://www.chess.co.uk/twic/chessnews/obituaries/bent-larsen-1935-2010>

<http://www.chesshistory.com/winter/extra/larsen.html>

<http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/canopen.html>

Larsen, Bent - Joyner, Lionel [C30] World jun Birmingham (9), 20.06.1951

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.c3 Bg4 5.fxe5 dxe5 6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.b4 Bd6 9.Be2 Qe7
10.Na3 a5 11.b5 Nd8 12.Nc4 f6 13.0-0 Nh6 14.d4 Nh7 15.a4 0-0 16.Nxd6 Nxd6 17.Ba3 N8f7
18.c4 exd4 19.c5 Qxe4 20.Bd3 Qe3+ 21.Kh1 Nxb5 22.axb5 c6 23.Bxh7+ Kh8 24.Nh4 Ne5
25.Rae1 Qh6 26.Ng6+ Nxg6 27.Bxg6 Be8 28.Bf5 cxb5 29.c6 b4 30.Bc1 g5 31.c7 Bc6 32.Re7 1-0

Vranesic, Zvonko - Larsen, Bent [A53] Amsterdam Interzonal Amsterdam (12), 1964

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.g3 e5 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 h6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.b3 Bb4 10.Bb2 0-0
11.Re1 Qb6 12.Nh4 Bh7 13.e4 Nc5 14.Qc2 Ne6 15.Nf3 Rfe8 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Re2 b5 18.a3 Bd6
19.Bc3 Qa6 20.Nb2 b4 21.Be1 bxa3 22.Na4 Rab8 23.Bc3 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Rxb3
26.c5 Nxc5 27.Nxc5 Bxc5 28.Bxe5 Qd3 29.Qxc6 Rxe5 30.Nxe5 Bxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Qd4+ 32.Ke2 Rb2+
0-1

Larsen, Bent - Suttles, Duncan [B21] Sousse izt (20), 1967

1.e4 g6 2.f4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Be2 d6 6.0-0 b5 7.Kh1 Rb8 8.a4 b4 9.Nbd2 h5 10.e5 Nh6
11.Nc4 Nf5 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Bd1 Be6 14.Ng5 Bxc4 15.dxc4 dxe5 16.Qe4 Rb6 17.Bxh5 Ncd4 18.Bd1
exf4 19.Bxf4 Ne6 20.Bg4 Nxf4 21.Bxf5 e5 22.h4 gxf5 23.Qxf5 Rh6 24.g3 Qa8+ 25.Qe4 Qxe4+
26.Nxe4 Ne6 27.Rf5 Rg6 28.Kg2 Rd8 29.c3 Rd3 30.Kf2 Rg4 31.Re1 Kf8 32.Re3 Rxe3 33.Kxe3
Ke7 34.a5 Rg6 35.Rf1 Bh6+ 36.Kd3 Rg8 37.Kc2 Rb8 38.Nf6 b3+ 39.Kd3 Nf4+ 40.gxf4 Kxf6
41.fxe5+ Kxe5 42.Rxf7 Rd8+ 43.Ke2 Rd2+ 44.Kf3 Rxb2 45.Re7+ Kf5 46.Rf7+ Kg6 47.Rxa7 Ra2
48.Rb7 b2 49.Kg4 Bc1 50.h5+ Kf6 51.Rb6+ Ke5 52.h6 Bxh6 0-1

Suttles, Duncan - Larsen, Bent [A10] CAN op 11th Montreal (8), 02.08.1974

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Bb4 5.d3 0-0 6.Bd2 a5 7.Nf3 d6 8.b3 Nc6 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 e5
11.b4 e4 12.Nd4 Qe7 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Qd2 Neg4 15.Nc2 axb4 16.axb4 Rxa1 17.Rxa1 Ne5 18.f4
exf3 19.exf3 f4 20.Re1 fxd3 21.hxd3 Qf7 22.Bxe5 dxe5 23.Rxe5 Qg6 24.g4 c6 25.Qe3 h6 26.Nd4
Rd8 27.Re7 Qg5 28.Ne2 Qxe3+ 29.Rxe3 Kf7 30.Nc3 Be6 31.b5 Ra8 32.bxc6 bxc6 33.Ne4 Nxe4
34.Rxe4 Ra2 35.Bf1 g6 36.Be2 Kf6 37.Kf2 h5 38.g5+ Ke7 39.Ke3 Kd7 40.f4 Bf5 41.Re5 h4 42.Bf3
h3 43.Rc5 h2 44.Bxc6+ Kd6 45.d4 Ra1 46.Bg2 Bh3 47.Bd5 Rg1 48.Rc6+ Ke7 49.Rxg6 h1Q
50.Bxh1 Rxh1 51.Rh6 Ra1 52.d5 Bf5 53.Rf6 Bc2 54.c5 Rd1 55.Re6+ Kf7 56.Re5 Rd3+ 57.Ke2
Rd4 58.c6 Rxf4 59.c7 Rc4 60.d6 Ba4 61.Re7+ Kg6 62.d7 Bxd7 63.Rxd7 Kxg5 64.Kd3 Rc1 65.Ke4
Kf6 66.Kd5 1-0

Karpov, Anatoly - Larsen, Bent [B01] Montreal (12), 1979

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd2 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Ncxe2 Qb6 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.0-0
e6 10.c4 Be7 11.b4 0-0 12.a4 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.Rfe1 b6 15.a5 Rfb8 16.a6 b5 17.c5 Nd5 18.Nc1
Re8 19.Nd3 Rad8 20.g3 Bf6 21.Re4 Nf8 22.h4 Rd7 23.Kg2 Red8 24.g4 Re8 25.g5 Bd8 26.Nfe5
Rde7 27.Bf4 Qc8 28.Bg3 f6 29.Nf3 Rf7 30.Qd2 fxd3 31.Nxd3 Rf5 32.Ra3 Ng6 33.Nf3 Ref8 34.Nfe5
Nxe5 35.Rxe5 Rf3 36.Ra1 Bxh4 37.Qe2 Bxg3 38.fxd3 Qd7 39.Qxf3 Rxf3 40.Kxf3 Nxb4 41.Rd1
Qxd4 42.Re4 Qd5 43.Nf2 Qh5+ 44.Kg2 Nd5 45.Rxe6 h6 46.Rd3 Kh7 47.Rf3 b4 48.g4 Qg5 49.Kg3
Qc1 50.Nh3 Qc4 51.g5 h5 52.Re8 h4+ 53.Kg2 b3 54.Rb8 Qe2+ 55.Nf2 Ne3+ 0-1

Larsen, Bent - Livishits, Ron [D27] North Bay op (7), 1995

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.a4 Nc6 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.h3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.exd4 0-0 13.d5 exd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bf6 16.Qf3 Be6 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Bxa6 Qa5 19.Bd3 Rfd8 20.Qe2 Bd5 21.Bb5 Qa8 22.f3 Be6 23.Bf4 Rbc8 24.Be5 Qa7+ 25.Kh1 Bxe5 26.Qxe5 Rd5 27.Qe2 Rdc5 28.Rad1 Qe7 29.Bd7 Rc2 30.Qe5 R8c5 31.Qb8+ Qf8 32.Qb6 Bc4 33.Rfe1 Be2 34.b4 Rg5 35.Rc1 Rg6 36.Qe3 1-0

Spraggett, Kevin - Larsen, Bent [B80] Corte Ingles op, 1998

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 e6 8.g4 h6 9.Qd2 b5 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Bd3 Rc8 12.Kb1 Ne5 13.Rhe1 Be7 14.h4 Nfd7 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 Nc5 17.Rh1 Rf8 18.Rh7 g6 19.f4 Nexd3 20.cxd3 b4 21.Nce2 e5 22.Nf3 Nxe4 23.Qxb4 Nc5 24.Bxc5 Bxf3 25.Bb6 Rb8 26.Bxd8 Rxb4 27.Bxe7 Kxe7 28.Re1 Bxe2 0-1

Eac Chess-Arts Club Tournament

Date: September 24, 25, 26, 2010

Place: 14524 - 91b Ave. Surrey

Format: 5 Rounds: Swiss System

Time Control: 90 Minutes each player with 10 second increments.

Round Times (all PM): 1- 6:30 / 2- 10:30 / 3- 2:30 / 4- 10:30 / 5- 2:30

Type: Rated

Entry Fee: \$10

Prizes: First And Second, On The Club.

Registration: Pre-registration Only - contact Alonso Campos (Orgz & TD) 604-767-5153 or email him at: ac-777-ac-888@live.com Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. No club membership required, only CFC membership since the games are rated.

Gam Gallery Chess Nights

Date: Thurs, September 16, and Thurs, September 30, 2010

Place: Gam Gallery, 110 East Hastings, Vancouver

Time: 8 PM

Type: Unrated

Entry Fee: \$3

Registration: On site at 7:45 PM or contact Jamie Reid at: thegam@live.com Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. No membership required.

Website <http://www.gamgallery.com>

October Active

Date: Sunday October 3, 2010

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Rounds: 5

Round Times: Noon Rd 2 1:20 then Lunch Rd 3 3:00 Rd 4 4:10 Rd 5 5:10

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/25 + 5 sec. increments or G/30.

Entry Fee: \$15, Free coffee or tea.

Prizes (based on 30 entries) 1st \$120 2nd \$60 BU1800 \$100 Biggest Upset \$20

Registration: On site at 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496
email lucque@shaw.ca Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. No membership required.
Results posted at: <http://www.chessmastery.com/bcactive>

And also, out of province:

2nd Annual Silverdale Beach Hotel Classic

Date: October 2-3
Place: Silverdale Hotel, Silverdale, WA
Format: 4 round Swiss
Further details: <http://nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm>

Alberta Open

Date: October 9-11
Place: Calgary Chess Club
Format: 6 round Swiss
Prize fund: minimum \$1,000 guaranteed
Further details: <http://www.albertachess.org/2010AO.html> - Paul Leblanc and Doug Sly are already preregistered

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

October Active

October 3, Vancouver
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#octActive>

B.C. Championship

October 8-11, Victoria
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#bcclosed>

Jack Taylor Memorial

November 20-21, Victoria
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#jack>